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AS I SAID LAST WEEK, THE AVERAGE AGE OF OPERATORS AT THE LARGE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE I SERVED AT WHILE IN THE RAF IN THE 1950'S WAS AROUND 20 YEARS OLD. THERE WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE SKYLARKING GOING ON AND ONE HAD TO BE ON ONE'S TOES TO NOT BE CAUGHT OUT. THE NCO SUPERVISORY STAFF WERE TOLERANT OF THIS AS LONG AS IT DID NOT GET OF HAND AND AFFECTED THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CENTRE.

YOU WILL RECALL ME SAYING THAT IT TOOK QUITE A LONG WHILE FOR PHONE CONNECTIONS TO BE MADE. A FAVOURITE TRICK WAS TO WAIT UNTIL AN OPERATOR WAS TIRED DURING THE NIGHT SHIFT, SAY ABOUT 3 OR 4 AM. SOMEONE WOULD SHOUT OUT ''PHONE CALL FROM THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE TRANSMIT OPERATOR ON THAT CIRCUIT''. THE POOR FELLOW OR GIRL WITHOUT THINKING WOULD WALK OVER TO THE PHONE TO BE GREETED BY A RASPBERRY FROM THE OTHER END. HE/SHE SUDDENLY CAUGHT ON AND WOULD WALK BACK TO THEIR OPERATING POSTION WITH EVERYONE LAUGHING.

WE HAD A SECTION KNOWN AS 'SNAGS'. ALL SERVICE (SVC) MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO THE CENTRE CAME HERE FOR ACTION. A TYPICAL MESSAGE MIGHT ASK FOR A REPEAT OF A MESSAGE RECEIVED CORRUPTED OR GARBLED BY THE ADDRESSEE. ANOTHER MESSAGE MAY ASK FOR THE REPEAT OF JUST ONE WORD RECEIVED UNREADABLE. THIS INVOLVED FINDING FROM THE CORRECT PIGEON HOLE THE MONITOR ROLL FOR THAT PARTICULAR CHANNEL, AND MAYBE UNROLLING HALF A ROLL OF TELETYPE PAPER, AND OF COURSE THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 2 OR 3 HUNDRED ROLLS TO SORT THROUGH TO FIND THE REQUIRED CHANNEL.

AGAIN ABOUT 3 OR 4 AM THE SNAGS OPERATOR WOULD RECEIVE A PHONE CALL AND BE TOLD THAT IT WAS SO AND SO STATION, COULD HE REPEAT A WORD FROM MESSAGE NUMBER SO AND SO ON A SPECIFIED CHANNEL ON A SPECIFIED DATE. AFTER MUCH SORTING OF ROLLS AND UNROLLING OF PAPER HE FOUND THERE WAS NO SUCH MESSAGE. USUALLY THE CALLER WOULD TRY TO SAY HE HAD THE WRONG CHANNEL, AND HAD MEANT CHANNEL 'B' NOT 'A' AND WOULD HE LOOK AGAIN, BUT MOST OPERATORS KNEW THEY HAD BEEN HAD AND THE CALL WAS ONLY ONE MADE ON AN INTERNAL PHONE FROM A 'FRIEND'.

A LARGE MANUAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WAS ATTACHED TO THE CENTRE, WITH POSITIONS FOR ABOUT 30 OPERATORS, MAINLY MALE. A 'FRIEND' OF MINE WORKED THERE AND HIS FAVOURITE EXPRESSIONS WERE

'RUBBER KNEES", FOR 'NUMBER PLEASE' AND 'DYING TO DISENFECT YOU' FOR 'TRYING TO CONNECT YOU'. IMAGINE HIS SURPRISE WHEN THE WING COMMANDER C.O. ANSWERED WITH 'I WOULD LOVE TO DISENFECT YOU TOO'. NEEDLESS TO SAY MY FRIEND CUT OUT THE FUNNY TALK DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

WELL THATS ALL AGEN FOR THIS WEEK, NEXT WEEK WE RETURN TO THE 'EARLY COMMUNICATIONS' SERIES. 73S FOR NOW DE COL VK2CTD...

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IPS WEEKLY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT 14-28 NOV

SUMMARY

| Date | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 10cm | 93 | 96 | 96 | 94 | 92 | 99 | 89 |
| A | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 4 | (5) |
| T | 52 | 8 | 16 | 46 | 31 | 35 | 64 |

SOLAR ACTIVITY WAS VERY LOW ON 16TH, 18TH, AND 20TH NOVEMBER; LOW ON 14TH, 17TH, AND 19TH; AND MODERATE ON 15TH, WITH AN M1 FLARE.

GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY AT LEARMONTH (W.A) WAS QUIET 15TH, 19TH TO 20TH; QUIET TO UNSETTLED 16TH TO 17TH; UNSETTLED ON 14TH; AND UNSETTLED TO ACTIVE ON 18TH.

MAXIMUM USABLE FREQUENCIES DURING THE PERIOD WERE MOSTLY NEAR PREDICTED VALUES, WITH DEPRESSED PERIODS TO 10 PER CENT ON 16TH, AND TO 15 PER CENT ON 15TH. FREQUENCIES WERE ENHANCED TO 30 PER CENT TO 0600UT ON 17TH.

FORECAST 21-27 NOV

SOLAR: LOW 21-23 NOV.; VERY LOW: 24-27 NOV.

GEOMAGNETIC: UNSETTLED TO ACTIVE: 21-24 NOV.
QUIET TO UNSETTLED: 25-27 NOV.

FREQUENCIES: MOSTLY NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES: 21-27 NOV.

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VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES FOR WEEKENDING NOV 14, 1997 (BID RTDX1114)

Our thanks this week go to: ZS5S, W2JGR, WB2CJL, WX5L,W5KSI, AA5AU, OH2AG, 4Z4DX, PA0HVF, TU5EX, I2PKF, IK1HSR, I5IGQ, DF2KU, I1JQJ and the 425 DX gang,OPDX, DJ3IW and the Central Europe DX Cluster DB0SPC the NJ0M Node of Minnesota and the IK5PWJ Cluster.

BANDPASS:
FRIDAY 7
1130-14084 RK3AH
1339-14082 A45XC/SJ
1352-14087 5H3HG
1734- 7039 HA/W0RY

SATURDAY 8
0032- 3586 LZ8A
0052- 7035 JY9QJ

0110- 7037 EA8PP
0107-14087 FM5CD
0119-14086 CX7BF
0141-14080 8Q7AJ
0202- 3586 JY9QJ
0254- 7088 HH2PK qsl via 9A2AJ
0256- 7047 CE8SFG
0347- 3587 ZA1MH
0725-14083 FK8FI
0925-21077 CX7BF
0932-21090 8Q7AJ
1039-21064 9U5CW
1057-14088 HH2PK
1059-21080 PS2A
1302-14088 DU1SAN
1341-14089 UN5PR
1341-14073 RK3AN
1356-21094 HH2PK
1509-21087 CE8SFG
1519-14071 LX1OM
1528-14088 DU3NXE
1537-21087 CX7BF
1934-14085 CO2LP
2048-28092 XE1J
2056-14089 FM5CD
2149- 7043 HH2PK

SUNDAY 9
0708-14077 FK8VHN
0722-21085 T77T
0853-14087 3D2RW/R  Rotuma Is. Qsx up
0902-14084 YL8M
0903-14087 T77T
0914-21086 EA8PP
0920-14083 EA6BH
0934-21072 JY9QJ
0946-21075 8Q7AJ
0955-21083 LU9VET
0957-21089 YB1AQS
0957-21082 UN5PR
1018-14085 FM5CD
1103-14078 HH2PK
1217-21097 CN8NK
1305-14084 JY9QJ
1313-21092 5R8FK Qsl via NY3N
1326-14084 RK9CWA
1347-14079 XE1J
1419-21084 LU9VET
1427-21080 YL8M
1604-21090 TT8KM
1926- 7041 UN5PR
2034-14086 ZD7DP
2044-14086 TT8KM
2049- 7031 SU1SK
2132- 3588 EA8PP
2128- 7033 JY9QJ
2153- 7032 LU9VET
2203- 7038 4S7BRG
2222- 7043 HH2PK
2234- 3582 Z30M

MONDAY 10
0633-14080 FK8GM

0640-14083 FK8VHN
1339-21087 TT8KM  Qsl via F6FNU
1415-14083 OH0QF
1512-14089 Z31JA
1553-14085 UT0IF
1753-14085 FR5GL
1940-14081 TT8KM
2252-14083 CE8SFG

TUESDAY 11
0829-14083 VP8CTR
0834-14078 D2AI
1535-14083 FM5CD
1552-14083 4S7BRG
1600-14083 FM5CD
2230-14086 ZD7DP
2300-14089 TT8KM

WEDNESDAY 12
0851-14081 EA9BG
1215-14087 YB4JIM
1216-14087 EA8/DJ5FT
1615-21080 ZS1DJ
1956-14081 TT8KM
2042-14081 5H3LM

THURSDAY 13
0707- 7036 3D2RW/R
1251-14087 Z350GBC Qsl KM6ON
1304-14083 YL1XX
1322-14081 XE1J
1323-14082 RU3DVR
1347-14082 JY9QJ
1504-21086 TT8KM
1522-21086 VO1XC
1812-14085 5H3HG
1814-14087 EA8KK

NOTE OF INTEREST:

ST. BRANDON, 3B7. Dov Gavish, 4X4DX advise that he is going with a group to this rare spot in May 1998 (mark ur calendar). Call will be 3B7AZ and 3B7/HB9JAI.

IVORY COAST, TU. Didier, TU5EX inform that he is ready for skeds on RTTY mode on all bands. To make an arrangement send an ax25 message tu5ex at tu5ex.civ.af during the week for take a sked for the SUNDAY (only).

TOGO, 5V. Roger, G3SXW with other ten hams will be active as 5V7A during the CQ WW CW test (Nov. 27-28th). From the Contest till Dec 4th the team will operate also on the WARC band. They will also made operation on RTTY.

The VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES are also available on Internet at reflector digital-dx at st.rim.or.jp. See also the OH2BUA WebCluster at URL http://www.clinet.fi/~jukka/rtty.html

For next week's bulletin send your bandpass to Bob, W2JGR at W5KSI.(hash)NOLA.LA.USA.NA or e-mail: w2jgr at millcomm.com

Gl de (DX2) Luciano, I5FLN

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ARLD048 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by Tedd, KB8NW, the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX, QRZ DX, G4BUE, DXNL and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

CROATIA, 9A. The Croatian Radio Club station is celebrating its 20th anniversary until Dec 31, using the special callsign 9A20D. Activity takes place on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via 9A1CRD.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, A6. David, K3LP, and Rich, KE3Q, will be QRV in Dubai beginning Nov 22 from the QTH of A61AJ. They will also participate in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL via W3UR.

IRAN, EP. Ali has been QRV as EP2MKO on 10 meters around 0745z. QSL via UA6HCW.

MAYOTTE, FH. DJ1RL and DK8FB will be QRV as FH/homecalls until Nov 28. QSL to home calls.

SOUTH KOREA, HL. DS5USH and DS5RNM has been QRV on 80 meters around 1200z. QSL via operator's instructions.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Dominique, J28DB, will be QRV for three years. QSL via F4AAQ.

SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Danny has been QRV as LZ0L on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via LZ1KCP.

GREENLAND, OX. Kim, OX3FV, is active using CW on 160 meters and the newer bands. Meanwhile, Joergen, OZ8AE, is QRV as OX/OZ8AE until December 1. Look for OX3FV and OZ8AE to be QRV as OX3FV in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL both calls via their respective bureaus.

BANGLADESH, S2. S21YG has been QRV on 15 meters around 0900z and 40 meters around 2000z. QSL via operator's instructions.

BOSNIA, T9. Cedric, F1PSR, is QRV as T98PSR from Sarajevo until the beginning of March, 1998. Look for SSB activity on 160 to 2 meters. Some satellite and packet activity is expected. QSL via F5WN.

CAMEROON, TJ. Phillipe is QRV as TJ1HP. QSL via F6FNU.

ANTARCTICA. VU2JBK is QRV from the Indian Maitri Station in Queen Maud Land. QSL via VU2DVC.

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The Ohio/Penn Dx PacketCluster DX Bulletin No. 331

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, WB2RAJ/WB2YQH and The 59(9) DXReport, W3UR and The Daily DX, K5IDX, NT5C, K8RF, WA8JOC, K9FD, EA3KU, F6AJA, G3OZF, G3VMW, G4BUE and DX News Sheet, HJ3PXA, JA1ELY, LU2BRG, SP3LFV, TG9IKE, VK4AAR and ZP5AZL for the following DX information.

5A, LIBYA. Remember that the RRDXA German group should be active this weekend (Nov 23rd through Dec 4th) as 5A7A. Activity will include the CQWW CW Contest as a Multi/Single entry from the 5A1A station. QSL via DL3KDV.

9G, GHANA (Update). The DXpedition to 9G by G3VMW, G4RWD and G4ZVJ has been reported to be on schedule and to begin on Nov 21st and last through Dec 2nd. Their operation will include a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW CW Contest as 9G5VJ. Outside the contest they will concentrate on 160, 80 meters and the WARC bands using their own personal callsigns (9G5SW/G3VMW, 9G5WD/G4RWD & 9G5VJ/G4ZVJ). Please QSL via their home calls.

9M2, PANGKOR ISLAND (West Malaysia). Don, G3OZF, will be operating as 9M2/G3OZF from AS-072, Pulau Pangkor, from Nov 24th to Dec 2nd. Activity will be from 80-10 meters (possibly 160, but unlikely), with the emphasis on CW, but some SSB on 40/20/15/10 meters. He will be in CQWW CW Contest for the weekend of Nov 29-30th. QSL to home call.

DX1, PHILIPPINES. Look for operators JA1KJK, JA1WLL, JK1CWR, JE8IVF and 9V1ZW to be active and a participant in CQWW CW Contest from here as DX1HB and as a Multi/Single entry. They will active on 160-10 meters and RTTY for a few days before the contest. QSL via JA1KJK.

ER, MOLDAVA. 'The 59(9) DXReport' states that Slawa, ER1LW, is active on weekends on 10104, 18072 and 24895 kHz CW, and 18130 and 24945 kHz SSB. He has also been active on RTTY. He has an EMail at er1lw at cinf.usm.md

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND (DXpedition Update/Reminder). Just a quick reminder that the VK9LX operation begins this weekend (Nov 23rd to Dec 1st). They will be operating Multi/Single in the CQWW CW Contest during the following weekend. They plan to run two stations before the contest as much as possible.

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Society information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065 Australia, for such matters as membership and general enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the President (Col) VK2CTD at VK2WI, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA at VK2WI.

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